

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENHANCED COORDINATION AND/OR CONSOLIDATED
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS IN HAMILTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Communications Center was established in 1949 to provide emergency communications services to the residents and first responders of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the Center continually provides innovative and expeditious service Countywide to residents seeking emergency aid in most townships and municipalities in the County, and serves over 105 Police, Fire and EMS agencies; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners believes 911 service to all County residents is a core public safety service of local government and should not be jeopardized or diminished by competing budgetary pressures; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Communications Center has a reputation for exemplary service, with all calls being answered within an average of 1.5 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has maintained this excellence during unprecedented budgetary challenges during the economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is a leading example statewide for consolidated, shared emergency communications services, especially in a metropolitan County, with just four Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) Countywide; and

WHEREAS, several studies in the past decades have confirmed the similarities in operations and technology between the Hamilton County Communications Center and the City of Cincinnati Emergency Communications Center, providing another opportunity for sharing services that can be achieved through leadership and collaboration between the County and the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County can benefit from further exploration of opportunities for coordination and/or consolidation of emergency communications services and 9-1-1 response in order to improve service delivery for all Hamilton County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners supports and encourages the enhanced coordination and/or consolidation of the governance and management of emergency communications and 9-1-1 services between the City of Cincinnati Emergency Communications Center and the Hamilton County Communications Center in order to eliminate duplicative services, leverage economies of scale while maintaining efficient operations and improve the quality of 9-1-1 emergency communications services to all Hamilton County residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board directs the Clerk of the Board Jacqueline Panioto to provide copies of this resolution to the City of Cincinnati Mayor and members of City Council requesting individual or coordinated response to the concept of integrating, consolidating or further coordinating 9-1-1 and emergency communications services in Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 29th day of May, 2013.

Mr. Hartmann_____ Mr. Monzel_____ Mr. Portune_____

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, in session the 29th day of May, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio the 29th day of May, 2013.

Jacqueline Panioto, County Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio